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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: MAY 25 AFTERNOON SESSION: BEGINNING
OF GENERAL DEBATE

1. ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 25 GENERAL DEBATE BEGAN IN THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. THE
FIRST TWO SPEAKERS WERE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
PRESIDENT VESELIN DJURANOVIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AND VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE. DJURANOVIC READ A MESSAGE FROM
YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT TITO AND WENT ON TO EXPRESS SUPPORT
FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT MEASURES ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS
THOSE OUTLINED IN SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV'S KOMSOMOL
SPEECH. VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH BEING TRANSMITTED
SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. GENERAL DEBATE OPENED IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL
SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 25.
FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL VESELIN DJURANOVIC OF
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YUGOSLAVIA WAS THE FIRST SPEAKER. DJURANOVIC READ A
MESSAGE FROM YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT TITO IN WHICH
TITO CALLED ON STATESMEN TO "BREAK OUT, AT LONG LAST, OF
THE VICIOUS CIRCLE IN WHICH FUTILE DEBATES ON DISARMAMENT
HAVE BEEN FOR YEARS REDUCED TO SEEKING ANSWERS TO THE
ARTIFICIALLY CREATED DILEMMA--WHETHER DISARMAMENT PAVES
THE WAY TO A CONFIDENCE THAT DOES NOT EXIST OR WHETHER

CONFIDENCE ESTABLISHED BEFOREHAND SHOULD RENDER DISARMAMENT POSSIBLE." TITO'S MESSAGE SAW THE SSOD AS "AN INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR MANKIND TO COME TO ITS SENSES AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR AND SOLVE A PROBLEM FRAUGHT WITH THE GRAVEST RISKS FOR PEACE AND THE FATE OF MANKIND, AND TO STOP MARKING TIME, A TENDENCY THAT HAS UNFORTUNATELY BEEN A CHARACTERISTIC FEATURE OF POST-WAR EFFORTS, AND THEREBY, ONCE AND FOR ALL, TO ELIMINATE THE VERY FEAR OF NUCLEAR AND SIMILAR CATASTROPHES." TITO'S MESSAGE WELCOMED "RESULTS ACHIEVED SO FAR IN THE FIELD OF LIMITATION AND CONTROL OF CERTAIN TYPES OF ARMAMENTS" AND DESCRIBED SUCH RESULTS "AS THE FIRST ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SOME EXTENT TOWARD CREATING THE NECESSARY MORE FAVORABLE CLIMATE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE LEADING MILITARY POWERS POSSESSING THE MAIN ARSENALS OF DESTRUCTIVE POWER WHICH THREATEN THE WHOLE OF MANKIND." BUT IN HIS MESSAGE TITO NOTED THAT NONETHELESS THE ARMS RACE HAS REACHED "ABSURD PROPORTIONS." TITO'S MESSAGE ASSERTED THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOLVING PROBLEMS OF GENERAL DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL SHOULD BECOME "A SUBSTANTIVE AND INTEGRAL PART OF CONSTANT ACTIVITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND NOT THE PREROGATIVE OF ONLY SOME OF ITS MEMBERS WHO ARE MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT ARMS RACE." TITO'S MESSAGE CALLED FOR "HARMONIOUS, RESOLUTE AND ENERGETIC ACTION ON OUR PART--IN UNCLASSIFIED

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LINE WITH THE TRUE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEMS AND DANCERS CONFRONTING US."

3. IN HIS OWN STATEMENT DJURANOVIC SAID THAT "ALL STATES DO NOT BEAR EQUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HALTING THE ARMS RACE AND FOR REDUCING ITS FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS, SINCE THEY DO NOT HAVE EQUAL CAPABILITIES." HE DECLARED THAT IT IS THEREFORE "INDISPENSABLE THAT THE MAJOR MILITARY POWERS SHOULD TAKE IMPORTANT INITIATIVES TOWARDS STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE AND ACCELERATING THE PROCESS OF DISARMAMENT." DJURANOVIC ASSERTED THAT THE POSITIVE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MAJOR MILITARY POWERS AND MILITARY ALLIANCES "IS BEING JEOPARDIZED AT PRESENT BY THE EVER MORE INTENSIVE ARMS RACE AND THE DISTRUST AROUSED BY THIS RACE, WHICH IS ASSUMING GLOBAL DIMENSIONS." HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SALT II NE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD PROVE SUCCESSFUL, AND HE EXPECTED "THE MAJOR NUCLEAR POWERS TO PROCEED, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF SALT II, TO NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE CONCLUSION OF A NEW AGREEMENT, POSSIBLY SALT III, WHICH WOULD ENVISAGE A MORE RESOLUTE LIMITATION OF PRODUCTION AND REDUCTION OF STOCKPILES OF

NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS WELL AS OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION." HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE FOR A POSITIVE OUT-COME "IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES ON THE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS AND FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE."

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4. ON THE SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, DJURANOVIC SAID THAT "IN ADVOCATING THE PREVENTION OF SO-CALLED HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION, WE CANNOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT VERTICAL PROLIFERATION--WHOSE PROTAGONISTS ARE THE MAJOR NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES--CONTINUES UNABATED." HE MAINTAINED THAT THE CREDIBILITY

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OF THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY "DEPENDS, TO A GREAT EXTENT, ON WHETHER ALL OF ITS PROVISIONS ARE RESPECTED." DJURANOVIC REJECTED "THE ATTEMPTS AIMED AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPLETE MONOPOLY BY A SMALL GROUP OF NUCLEAR POWERS OVER THE TRANSFER AND UTILIZATION OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES UNDER THE PRETEXT OF PREVENTING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION." HE CALLED FOR EFFORTS TO FIND SOLUTIONS "ENSURING, WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION, AN UNHINDRED TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND FUEL AND THEIR UTILIZATION FOR THE ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF NON-NUCLEAR-COUNTRIES, PRIMARILY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

5. ECHOING MANY OF THE ELEMENTS IN BREZHNEV'S KOMSOMOL SPEECH, DJURANOVIC CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING "URGENT MEASURES" IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT: "HALTING OF THE ARMS RACE, PARTICULARLY THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, AND CESSATION, IN THE FIRST PLACE, OF THE PRODUCTION AND REFINEMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS

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A PREREQUISITE FOR THE INITIATION OF THE DISARMAMENT PROCESS; BANNING OF ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON TESTS AND CESSATION OF THE PRODUCTION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES; GRADUAL REDUCTION OF STOCKPILES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THEIR MEANS OF DELIVERY UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY ELIMINATED; AND PROHIBITION OF ALL OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION."

6. DJURANOVIC ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO THE "CREATION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES IN DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE WORLD, AS WELL AS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ZONE OF PEACE AND COOPERATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN." HE ALSO NOTED THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER AND PRECISION OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, AND HE ADVOCATED "THE BANNING OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW TYPES OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS."

7. DJURANOVIC EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT "UNDER CONTEMPORARY CONDITIONS, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT MEASURES WITHOUT ADEQUATE MEASURES OF CONTROL," BUT HE REJECTED THE VIEW "THAT VERIFICATION SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY OVER DISARMAMENT MEASURES." HE SAID THAT "IF THERE IS A POLITICAL WILL TO REACH CERTAIN AGREEMENTS, IT WILL ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO ADOPT ADEQUATE MEASURES FOR DISARMAMENT CONTROL."

8. DJURANOVIC EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE HOLDING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, BUT HE SAID THAT "BEFORE CONVENING SUCH A WORLD CONFERENCE, IT IS NECESSARY, IN OUR OPINION, TO MAKE ADEQUATE PREPARATIONS AND ENSURE THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD IN ITS WORK, PARTICULARLY THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES." HE DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO RECONVENE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION OF THE

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UNITED NATIONS. HE ALSO DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO "ESTABLISH A CLOSER LINK BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENERAL AND

THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD);
TO RE-EXAMINE THE EXISTING COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATIONAL
SET-UP OF THE CCD WITH A VIEW TO HARMONIZING ITS
ACTIVITIES WITH CHANGED CONDITIONS IN THE
WORLD AND THE INCREASED INTEREST OF STATES ACTIVELY
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXAMINATION OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES."
HE ALSO THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONVENE NEW
SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO
DISARMAMENT. YOUNG

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